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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3 and Parent information afternoon: Tuesday 8th September – 4.00pm (on Teams)

We are absolutely delighted to welcome your child and you to Year 3. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year of learning. The children came in so well at 8.55 and, as we write this at lunchtime, we can report that it has been a wonderful morning. You should be very proud parents!

Some housekeeping

We hope that you will find the following information useful:

- Please make sure that all clothes and belongings are labelled with your child's name.
- We encourage children to bring in a small water bottle, which can be taken home every day to be washed.
- We also encourage children to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable, to eat at the start of playtime (by this we mean 'real' fruit and veg, not fruit bars or biscuits). The morning is long and a mid-morning snack can make a huge difference to the children's ability to concentrate. Junior children do not get free fruit, so you will need to provide your own, if your child wants to eat fruit. Please ensure that NO NUTS or anything containing nut products are ever brought into school.
- Children can bring in a small bag (we have very limited storage space) to carry their drink bottle, lunchbox, fruit for break, their reading book and journal.
- We are providing the children with a pencil case, so please do not send in one from home.



- Children need to wear school uniform and school shoes (please avoid laces if your child can't tie their own).
- We keep asthma inhalers in the classrooms but all other medications are stored in the school office.
- **Year 3 children will need to wear their P.E kit to school on Tuesday.** The Junior School P.E. uniform is:
 High Down pale blue T-shirt
 Navy blue or black shorts/leggings/skorts
 Navy blue outdoor fleece (optional)
 Daps or trainers
 All of the above are available through the school uniform link in the 'information for parents' section on the Junior School website. There is also a small supply of T-shirts available via the school office.

Reading

Your child will soon bring home a book from the same book band he/she was reading in Year 2. Shortly, we will hear all the children read and, if we feel it is appropriate, make any adjustments to the book band being read. Your child will soon be receiving the High Down School Journal, which is where you will be able to record the reading done at home. We will send more information about this in due course. When books are brought back to school, they will be quarantined for 72 hours before being made available to other children.

Parent information afternoon

Next Tuesday afternoon (8th September) at 4.00 – 4.30pm, we are holding a meeting for parents on Teams. You will find this meeting in your child's Teams calendar. This is an opportunity for you to find out what your child will be learning this year. Please join with your camera and microphone turned off.

Yours sincerely,

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